

AMONG THE EXCHANGES OF THE INLAND EMPIRE

Plant Trees Along Lanes.

If every farmer and orchardist would plant his lane borders with trees that would grow into wood the fuel famine would not be such a common subject for discussion in a few years, says The Dalles Chronicle.

Pasture corners could be planted with trees, and protected, when in a few years they would make good shade for the cattle. The limbs of the trees on ripening would make good fuel. These are suggestions for the treeless region of eastern Oregon.

In some states the legislature has passed a bill saying that if a farmer plants trees around his land in every space and the trees grow and thrive that the land so planted shall be exempt from taxation for a period of years.

We wonder how this plan would work in eastern Oregon.

A Four-Foot Snow Fall.

Heavy snows last week played havoc with the travel in all parts of Grant county, and in some localities much damage was done to timber. Jas. Tracy, who operates the stage line between Canyon City and Isee, reported three feet of fresh snow in the Snow Shoe country, and for miles the public highway was blocked by timber broken down by the weight of the snow. Drivers on the Burns and Austin mail routes report a like experience.

The snow fall in the Austin, Whitney and Sumpter mountains reached almost four feet, and the regular trains on the Sumpter Valley railroad on Thursday were delayed 24 hours. All mail routes are again open and mails are arriving on time.—Grant County News.

Captured Alleged Forger.

Several days ago Chief of Police Walden received instructions from Ed Rand, sheriff of Baker county, to watch for a man by the name of Fred Parker, giving a meager description, says the La Grande Observer. This forenoon Chief Walden thought he had the man spotted, but before making the arrest called up Sheriff Rand over the phone for details. He then felt sure that he had the man wanted and placed him in the city jail, awaiting the arrival of the sheriff on the evening train.

Fred Parker, when seen by an Observer representative this afternoon,

stated that he was a son of Tom Parker, a former resident of this city, but for many years has resided in Baker City and for several terms was elected county clerk of Baker county. Parker denied any knowledge of the facts leading to his arrest for alleged passing of forged paper on a merchant at Durkee.

Spokane to Have Revival.

Spokane may hope to witness during this coming spring or autumn a great evangelical campaign, conducted by the noted evangelist divine, Rev. J. Wilbur Chapman, and his large corps of assistants, says the Chronicle. Mr. Chapman in correspondence with the Ministerial alliance of the city has intimated his willingness to come and the matter is now in the alliance whether or not to accept the invited offer.

At a meeting to be held Monday morning at 10:30 o'clock at the Y. M. C. A. building, the question will be taken up and a final decision may be reached.

Made Profitable Investment.

J. M. Wright, who came here less than a year ago from Newburg, called at the Observer office this morning, and in conversation stated that he had sold from a little less than four acres, products for which he received \$1200 in cash. Mr. Wright is preparing to engage in the poultry business and soon expects to have about 1000 chickens. He will also plant the balance of his 10-acre tract to orchard this spring. Mr. Wright says that he is well satisfied with La Grande.—La Grande Observer.

His Gun Exploded.

George Newton met with an accident at Silverton while hunting ducks which he would not care to have repeated, even under the most favorable circumstances. As he was walking along in pursuit of game, he fell headfirst, throwing his gun into the water. At this point the contents of both barrels were discharged and the gun was literally torn to pieces. The explosion tumbled Mr. Newton into the water and excitement was high for a time, but fortunately he was not injured.—Salem Statesman.

A lot of people who think they are wearing crowns now will know their crosses after awhile.

"banking game." The district attorney and city attorney, however, have both stated that the law is interpreted to include poker.

INVENTS NEW COMBINE.

Colfax Man Builds Machine That Has Many New Features—Will Save Labor.

A combined harvester constructed on an entirely new principle has been invented by George W. Hull of Colfax, and if the machine proves the success that Mr. Hull anticipates, a company will be organized and the machines will be manufactured in Spokane, says the Dayton Courier-Press. Mr. Hull has spent several months on his machine and has a standard sized harvester almost completed. He says his machine requires a less number of horses and only three men to operate it, saving from 12 to 16 horses and two to three men.

Instead of pulling the harvester, as is done with machines now harvesting the crops of the inland empire, the new harvester will be pushed with horses, on the same principle as the ordinary header. Unlike the ordinary machine, the driver on the Hull harvester operates the grain platform and the height at which the sickle is adjusted to cut either tall or short grain. In the new machine the separator, which is the ordinary stationary separator swung on pivots both front and behind and a leveling device is arranged so that either going up or down hill or on a side hill the separator is level at all times. This mechanism does away with one man, who on the ordinary machine is required to adjust it both for side hills and traveling up or down hill.

An arrangement is being provided to bale the straw coming from the machine into small sized bales, where the farmer desires to save it. A device is also being perfected to save the weed seed from being scattered on the ground.

The machine, when it is built for the trade, will weigh about 4100 pounds and is considerably lighter than the ordinary machine. It is constructed of steel with the exception of a few parts which are of wood.

NO CUT IN LUMBER PRICES.

Weyerhaeuser Says No Reduction from Old Schedules.

A dispatch from St. Paul, Minn., yesterday stated that the Weyerhaeuser Lumber company had announced a reduction of 30 per cent in the price of lumber, says the Spokesman-Review. It was not said that the reduction would affect points in the vicinity of Spokane, and when Gus Luellwitz of the Day-Luellwitz Lumber company was asked yesterday regarding the matter he said that he had heard nothing of a cut in prices in this vicinity.

"Sixty days ago," said Mr. Luellwitz, "the announcement of such a cut would have been all right, but at the present time I do not think there is anything in it. I have heard of no recent attempt to lower the prices of lumber in Spokane."

The McGoldrick Lumber company said it had heard of no contemplated cut in Spokane in lumber prices.

WIFE RUNS STAMP MILL.

Lewiston Couple Cleaning up \$30 Per Day in a Primitive Way.

With a one-stamp mill on a big fir stump in the back of his cabin, and a wife who knows how to run the mill, Albert Moore is doing the mining and their daily receipts show a cleanup of about \$30, says a Lewiston letter.

This is the story that is brought to Lewiston by J. S. Fry, who is an owner of promising properties in the Big creek district of the Thunder mountain camp, where Mr. Moore and wife are operating their property.

"Moore and his wife came to the district more than a year ago," said Mr. Fry, "and he located the property log cabin, and as soon as he had made his locations, they brought in the one-stamp mill that is now developing the property."

"The mine is located 800 feet above the millsite and during all of last winter Moore brought the ore to the mill wrapped in a cow hide. He has now installed a tram system that means bigger returns for the mill on the stump."

"We call it the little mill on the stump," continued Mr. Fry, "because it is the first free gold in the district." Mr. Fry says that the Moore properties are of the most promising in the Big Creek district, that the vein is from 40 to 50 feet in width and that the present mining operations are being carried on an eight-foot vein, which is free milling.

Important development work has been carried on in the district during the last year and Mr. Fry believes there will be a boom next season. He says there is one property where the locators are dragging the decomposed quartz to the creek and sluicing it to extract the free gold. He says there will be a big free gold exploitation in the camp next year.

HOGS GET WILD RIDE.

Loaded Sled Runs Away, Plunging Over Embankment.

Mr. Beaulieu and son, who reside about six miles northeast of Nezperce, met with an accident today while taking a load of hogs to Kamiah in a bobbed, says a Nez Perce item in the Lewiston Tribune.

When about half way down the hill the sled started over the grade and Mr. Beaulieu's son who was driving the four-horse team spoke sharply to the leaders when they lunged forward pulling the wheels back into the road which were being drawn over the grade by the weight of the sled and no doubt saved the team from being badly hurt.

The sled broke loose from the horses and rolled over several times, finally lodging against some small trees a short distance down the hill. Mr. Beaulieu and son saved themselves by jumping when the sled started down the grade to the sleigh expecting to find a number of the hogs dead.

The sled was found to be pretty badly wrecked but the hogs had escaped and were scattered around on the hillside uninjured in the least. After several hours' work the sled was repaired, the hogs recaptured and the journey to Kamiah continued without further mishap.

COYOTE WORE EAR TAG.

Trapper in Wyoming Captured Animal That Had Been Marked 15 Years Ago.

William Mitchell, a typical frontiersman, who is trapping coyotes for a number of sheepmen of this section of the country, secured a coyote near the Muddy bridge that had a Standard Meat & Livestock company's tag in its ear, says a Cheyenne dispatch.

In 1893 this coyote was captured with a number of others, all young, by Marney's camp-movers. The animal was saved from among the others and marked by placing the tag in its ear.

A. T. Corlett was present when the experiment was made. What volumes could be written about the crafty little animal, concerning his trickery in evading traps and poison bait, as he roamed the range and hills during the past years. Calculating the amount of damage done by the ravenous appetite of this one coyote during its 15 years on the sheep range as two sheep per month, a very fair estimate, the value of sheep being \$3 per head, the aggregate amount would be \$1080, which might have been saved had the experiment never been made.

ENGINE TURNED TURTLE.

Left Rails for Unknown Cause and Tore Up Track for Over 100 Feet.

Yesterday evening about 5 o'clock a locomotive on its way to Wendling on the Mohawk branch left the rails from some unknown cause and running along the ties and tearing up the track for a distance of nearly 100 feet it turned turtle. No one was seriously hurt, although Fireman McCullough suffered severe cuts on his right hand. Both the engineer and fireman jumped before the locomotive turned over, says the Eugene Guard.

The locomotive, whose number is 2196, was pulling a caboose and was on the way to Wendling after a number of cars of lumber. As it reached a point near Yarnell station something went wrong, with the result as stated. The Eugene-Wendling local passenger train was at the Wendling end of the line at the time of the wreck, and it was unable to make its run to this city. An extra train was sent up from Albany to transfer the passengers for this city and Springfield.

A crew of men was put to work this morning to repair the track and right the engine, but up to a late hour this afternoon the train had not been able to pass the wreck.

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